

**FIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COORDINATING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION**

**June 6, 2013**

**Present:** James Ball  
Joseph Bertholic  
John Chartier  
James Gumbley  
Jay Petrillo  
Mark St. Pierre  
Howard Tighe  
Mark Vincent  
John Woodard

**Absent:** David Gorman  
Brian Jackvony  
Scott Kettelle  
Timothy McLaughlin  
David Sayles

Open Session of the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Tighe.

Minutes from last month's meeting are not completed.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:**

Fire Academy - Phase 2 - Waiting for a sit down with RGB's architect to de-scope. The delay may be caused by the award not clearing purchasing.

Absolutely no feedback concerning the new Fire Academy Director and predicting a start date of August, if they select a person within the next couple of weeks.

(Discussion)

A needs assessment for the Fire Academy Division in the Fiscal Budget 2015 for an Assistant Director's position will be processed.

(Discussion)

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Chief Deputy Gumbley has only received 4 or 5 Firefighter Level 1 & 2 Surveys back.

Chief Deputy Gumbley inquires if the board members had a chance to review the Highway Safety Course information. No member received this packet of information. Vice Chairperson Tighe requests that Chief Deputy Gumbley email the Highway Safety Course information to the board members for review.

(Discussion)

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Skills Evaluators – Several (Joe Cordeiro, Troy Phillips, Jay Prete, Curt Varone) instructors participated with and shadowed at Providence’s Skills Evaluation day in Exeter on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Joe Cordeiro and Robert Thurber were granted skills evaluator status by Director Castro during Pawtucket’s recruit program in 2011.

Woonsocket Challenge Process –Jay Petrillo and Chief Jackvony met with Captain Reilly and they have 3 members who are ready to go through the process. In addition to getting these members FF-1 & FF-2 their equivalency, they are also looking to see if they can be ProBoard.

(Discussion)

Tina will contact ProBoard for clarification.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Legislation regarding the Instructors’ Insurance – Cleared the house and went to senate judiciary and Senator McCaffrey is the chairman of the senate judiciary and has an issue with the State indemnifying anything. If it doesn’t move within the next week, it is going to be held for further consideration and then may eventually die.

(Discussion)

Marshal suggests that members of the board give Senator McCaffrey a phone call stressing the importance of this issue.

(Discussion)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Letter read from Shipmans Fire Equipment Co., Inc., Rhode Island Sales Representative, Corey G. Centracchio, praising Albert Heroux’s professionalism and knowledge of Exeter’s Training facility. As well as comments from Task Force Tips’ Representative Jim Cottrell stating that, “It is the best water system at any training facility on the East Coast.” And they have authorized the Rhode Island Fire Academy as a Training Partner Facility, which enables Albert to reach out and request anything TFT offers and purchase products at a discount unavailable to any municipal fire department, and also enables your facility have access to the TFT technical support team. In addition, their experience was so enjoyable that they (Shipmans & Task Force Tips) decided to donate two TFT hand-line attack nozzles to the Rhode Island Fire Academy. (Letter attached and forwarded to the Marshal and Albert)

(Discussion)

There are 39 members attending the 2013 NFA Weekend this July in South Carolina. The deadline to register is next Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

(Discussion)

Also presented is an informational spreadsheet listing all the academy programs held so far this year. (55 programs with a total of 805 students) (Attached)

(Discussion)

Live Fire Extinguisher program presented to the Board through an article by Rhode Island Fire Academy Coordinator/Instructor Scott Murray. This may be another program that the academy can offer. (Attached)

(Discussion)

**Motion made and approved** to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.